

PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	: Alain GANTIER)	
)	Group Art Unit 3728
Appln. No.	: 09/937,016)	
)	Examiner Jila Mohandesi
Docket No.	: P21432)	
)	Confirmation No. 3081
Customer No.	: 7055)	
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I.A. Filed	: January 22, 2001)	
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Title	: MOVABLE COVER FOR RIGIDIFYING)	
	AND/OR PROTECTING THE FRONT)	
	FACE OF AN ARTICLE OF FOOTWEAR,)	
	SUCH AS A SNOWBOARD BOOT)	

**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF MARCH 27, 2006**

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Sir:

In reply to the final Office action dated March 27, 2006, for which Applicant requests an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136(a) for two months, from June 27, 2006 to Monday, August 28, 2006, please enter the following amendment.

For reasons explained in the "Remarks" section below, Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections, and the allowance of the instant application.